

MEETING MINUTES

MILPITAS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room Wednesday, August 5, 2015

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call** Chair Batilo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
Present: Chair Batilo, Vice Chair Mohsin, Commissioners Kathapurkar, Leon, Manassau, Rosario, Sharma

Alternate Commissioners Present: Bilbao

Absent: Truong, Lee
- II. **Seating of Alternates** – Bilbao
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Mohsin led the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Vice Chair Mohsin motioned, and Commissioner Leon seconded, for approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of July 8, 2015** – Commissioner Rosario motioned, and Vice Chair Mohsin seconded, for approval of the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Public Forum** – No speakers
- VII. **Announcements** – Staff Liaison Tim Wong announced that Samantha Beard and Adrian Morel have resigned from the commission. Mr. Wong said that one NBO award nomination was received, and staff will choose other potential candidates and work with the NBO Awards subcommittee to show them the homes. He also announced that each commission budget has been increased to \$1,000.
- VIII. **Liaison Report** – Vice Mayor Montano announced that sewer rates will increase by approximately \$3.50 every two months, and that she is requesting an increase in the hourly wages of the workers who provide janitorial services for the City.
- IX. **Commissioners Round Table** – Vice Chair Mohsin talked about a recent visit to Singapore which prompted Commissioner Leon to discuss the City's image in regards to litter on the freeways and how to go about getting it cleaned. There was discussion about water conservation and an interest in having City employee Leslie Stobbe attend a future CAC meeting. Chair Batilo discussed an Emergency Preparedness class she took and shared tips.
- X. **New Business**

A. Street Tree Master Plan

Roman Desoto of R3 Studios was present to continue the discussion of the Street Tree Master Plan, discuss trees and locations, and explain why certain trees are proposed in certain areas.

Mr. Desoto discussed the Jacaranda tree and how they should be used sparingly but in an area where they can be admired. He believes they can be used as a strong focal point in

certain areas of the city and that it would be a good approach to group them together with other trees, such as Evergreen, as they do well when protected from wind and frost and can be clustered with other trees that can shield them.

Mr. Desoto said that using one street tree for a large portion of street would not be a good idea because if something happened to that particular tree, i.e. a disease, then the entire selection of trees could die, and he said it is important to mix up the trees and allow for their survival over a long period of time. He explained that trees were selected for different reasons, including height restrictions and the size of the tree canopy, and flowering accent trees were selected for medians to provide seasonal interest. He also said there are guidelines for new tree plantings as older trees begin to fail, with suggestions for viable alternatives for the trees being removed.

Vice Mayor Montano said she would like to see a plan for the trees on Main Street.

B. National Night Out

Vice Chair Mohsin attended the Emergency Preparedness commission and distributed fliers regarding National Night Out and said a couple of the commissioners were hosting events. The CAC commissioners discussed the events they planned to attend.

C. Adopt-A-Neighborhood/Graffiti

As part of their annual work tasks, Mr. Wong asked the commissioners if there was an interest in adopting a neighborhood that gets targeted with graffiti. Chair Batilo said this is difficult because the neighborhood is required to do a cleanup four times a year and organize the cleanups, unlike the Spring cleanup which the commission plans and manages.

Instead, Chair Batilo would like more information on the Adopt-A-Highway program and have the item added to the next meeting agenda.

XI. Unfinished Business – No items

Review Subcommittee Member Assignments and Update as Needed

Make a Difference Day:	Batilo, Mohsin, Morel, Sharma (A)
National Night Out:	Mohsin, Manassau, Truong, Bilbao (A)
NBO Awards:	Manassau, Rosario, Bilbao, Leon (A)
Spring Cleanup Day:	Sharma, Leon, Manassau, Batilo (A)
Town Hall Meeting:	Batilo, Leon, Kathapurkar, Sharma
Tree Planting:	Kathapurkar, Bilbao, Rosario, Mohsin (A)

XII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm to the next meeting of September 2, 2015.